

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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D. Identify procedures for maintaining records of disbursements.

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Retired Law Enforcement K-9 Health Care Fund N571

Initiative: Establishes the Retired Law Enforcement K-9 Health Care Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$500

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 671

S.P. 845 - L.D. 2058

An Act to Clarify the Requirement That Municipal and County Jails Be Available at All Times for Detention of Arrested Persons

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1502, 6th ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 757, is further amended to read:

Municipal and county jails shall at all times be available for detention of persons arrested by state or any other law enforcement officers, unless the persons are detained solely for a civil violation of federal immigration laws. In those municipalities where full-time supervision of the jail is not provided by the municipality, full responsibility for the safekeeping and welfare of any person detained ~~shall rest~~ rests solely with the arresting officer. Expense of any municipality or any damage to the jail resulting from the use of its jail by any arresting officer ~~shall~~ must be reimbursed to the municipality by the law enforcement agency for which the arresting officer is acting.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 672

H.P. 1355 - L.D. 2025

An Act to Create a Limited-purpose License for Aquaculture Nursery and Husbandry Activities and to Clarify the Aquaculture Lease Amendment Process

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§10, as amended by PL 2021, c. 581, §1, is further amended to read:

10. Notification of granted leases. After the granting of a lease:

B. The department shall notify all riparian owners, intervenors and the municipality in which the lease is located that a lease has been granted. The notice must include a description of the area and how a copy of the lease may be obtained; and

C. The lessee shall mark the leased area in a manner prescribed by the commissioner; and

~~D. The lessee shall annually submit to the department a seeding and harvesting report for the past year and a seeding and harvesting plan for the coming year. Upon written request, the department shall provide a copy of the report to the municipality or municipalities in which or adjacent to which the lease is located. The seeding and harvesting reports submitted by a lessee under this paragraph are considered confidential statistics for the purposes of section 6173. A copy of a report provided to a municipality pursuant to this paragraph is confidential.~~

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§13, ¶G, as amended by PL 2021, c. 52, §8, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§19 is enacted to read:

19. Reports retained by department. Seeding and harvesting reports that were submitted to the department under former subsection 10, paragraph D and former section 6072-C, subsection 10 and were confidential at the time the reports were submitted to the department remain confidential until those reports are no longer retained by the department pursuant to any records retention schedule adopted pursuant to Title 5, section 95-C, subsection 2.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6072-A, sub-§20, as amended by PL 2011, c. 93, §6, is further amended to read:

20. Extension of commercial lease. If a person who holds a limited-purpose lease for commercial aquaculture